

NEWS and GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON



Combine the Qualities of Professions in Alaska



WASHINGTON.—School teachers in Alaska must have a thorough knowledge of medicine as well as pedagogy. The Alaska school service is the only system of education in the United States or any of its possessions which is under the direct control of the federal bureau of education. In the northwest territory there are large areas in which the services of regular physicians are not obtainable. It often becomes the duty of the public school teachers not only to render first aid to the injured or sick native, but to care for him throughout the entire course of a severe illness without the aid of a physician.

For the assistance of men working in Uncle Sam's Alaska school service Dr. Emil Krull of the United States public health service and Dr. Daniel S. Neumann of the United States bureau of education have together written a medical handbook which has just been published and sent to every school teacher working for the government in Alaska. The authors have taken particular pains to describe the

symptoms and outline the methods of treatment of the common diseases of the natives in simple, plain language. In a word of instructions to the teachers who will receive the book the author says:

A little learning is a dangerous thing, and this is especially true in medicine. Teachers are warned to be careful in prescribing. It is often difficult to make a diagnosis of the disease which the patient is suffering. To lessen this difficulty symptoms are thoroughly described so that the teacher may have assistance in determining any case. Remember, this handbook is not intended to replace the services of a physician and all cases should be referred to one whenever possible.

Agents of the government have found that outside of performing their educational duties Alaska school teachers are called on most frequently to assist the natives in solving their health problems. The new medical handbook instructs the school teachers on every phase of medical practice through which it might be possible for the agents of the bureau of education to help the natives.

Public health officials believe that the book is one of the most complete and helpful of its kind that has ever been published, and that it will offer valuable assistance to Uncle Sam's agents who are working to improve health conditions in Alaska as well as to teach the children in the government schools.

Smithsonian Institution Has a Large Plaster Cast

THE Smithsonian Institution presents to visitors within its grim brown walls and quiet halls an attractive Zoological Park exhibit. Many spectators, but in hand, gather to study the pictures of wild life in the zoo which are displayed here. In the central aisle of the main hall to the right on entering is a large topographic plaster cast, a legend on which reads: "Modeled under the direction of Mr. S. P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution." It is a number of years old, but always a thing of freshness and interest to the streams of strangers that pass the portals of the building.

On the topographic model Rock creek is represented by a strip of mirror, and the curving, winding line is as bright and shimmering as the waters of the creek in their happiest mood. The hills and vales and lawns and the shady groves and woodland stretches are all shown. In a big glass case on the right hand of the entrance there hangs a fine map of the Zoological Park, indicating many of the familiar things in that popular, educational resort. You can easily locate the office, the lion house, the antelope house, the monkey house, the house for small animals, the bear den and cage, the home of the sealions, the parks of the wolves, American bison.



foxes and elk, the place where the beavers work and the flying eagle.

Surrounding the map is a collection of excellent photographs. One picture shows the flagstaff hill closely covered by a crowd, mostly of children, and the inscription under the picture is "The Crowd at the Zoological Park Easter Monday, 1916." There is a picture of the bear yards, showing one of the furry beasts posing for the camera, one of the flying eagle with its busy-winged tenants; one of the yard of foxes and wolves with the city and hungry dwellers there; portraits of the Alaskan brown bear, the male moose, the frightful looking hairy eagle, the polar bears in their white robes, the yak standing comfortably in deep snow, California condors in their youthful and downy plumage, the slow-going Galapagos tortoise, the zebra and his fancy markings, the elephant taking a bath, and a bull snake coiled gracefully around a cluster of her eggs.

City Hall Girls Rise in Honor of a Visiting Rat



IN a dark corner of the dim corridor leading through the floor of the city hall to the room where papers and documents are kept typewritten and compared by the young ladies of that department, stands a seductively baited trap. And thereby hangs a tale—a rat tale.

A few days ago, when the ladies were all terribly busy—great, big, audacious old rat scuttles across the room, disappearing behind some shelves. The ladies honored his appearance by courteously rising. It is said that they kept right on rising till they had risen as high as the tops of the tables and chairs in the room. Be that as it may, the rat didn't tarry to receive the homage intended for him, but he got around that way a day

or so later, and that was the limit. There just had to be a trap, and without another day's delay, at that.

The negro keeper of the files was summoned and told of the impending trouble, and a trap was installed the next day and temptingly baited. But it seems that he is a wise old rodent, for nary a nibble has he taken at the bait. And in the meantime the girls are declaring they are not the least bit afraid of an old rat.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, in charge of the department, says rats are nothing to be scared of, and that she can't see why the others are scared. Miss Mary Greer says she knows well enough that rats are not dangerous, but she just doesn't care to have them around. Miss Lydia Gardner says she can't understand what's the matter with the city hall cat. Mrs. Puss hasn't been seen in the vicinity of the floor for more than a week, and the girls are forced to the conclusion that she doesn't care for rat, thank you.

It was stated a posse will be organized by the men clerks of the city hall to apprehend Mr. Rat and bring him to trial on the charge of disturbing the peace of the ladies.

Iron Watchdog Is Not Yet Extinct in Washington

THE iron watchdog is not extinct in Washington. He may not be so numerous as he used to be. Time was when it was not unusual for the owner of a city home to have a pair of iron dogs before his house, one on each side of the entrance. From time to time the writer has reported the presence of dogs and lions as side to architecture or as guards of fortals in Washington. The list of these things has not been exhausted.

There is an iron watch dog, freshly painted black, with a very glossy coat, on the north side of H street between Tenth and Eleventh streets. There is only one of him. Usually these iron dog doorknockers come in pairs, and there probably was a pair here, but the other dog is missing—strayed or stolen. The remaining dog is a Newfoundland, or it may be that he is a setter. He is couchant, but his head is up and his ears alert as though he would sniff and challenge anybody who would enter the house for the safety of which he is responsible.



house three stories high and four windows wide, and its number 1005 H street. Brownstone steps lead to the doorway from the herringbone brick sidewalk. On one side of the step is a bit of grass that grows behind an iron fence. The dog is stretched on the brick pavement close up to the iron fence on the east side of the entrance. He looks toward the west.

In front of the iron fence and grassy strip on the west side of the entrance, presumably where the companion dog was wont to rest, is a green flat bench, where dwellers in that house rest in the cool of the evening, when it is cool, or the heat of the evening, when it is not cool.

NOTED PARDOUS OF BRITANNY

Britons Make Pilgrimages From Far and Near to Ask Aid of Bizarre Statues.

Paris.—The pardous for which Brittany is famed have centered around the Calvaires for hundreds of years, and pilgrims come from far and near, in picturesque costume, for the Breton, with all the obstinacy he is credited with, has clung to his costume as to the superstitions he has been cradled in.

The evidences of the popular saint worship which existed at one time and even now to a considerable extent, are to be found in the bizarre



Perfect Type of Breton.

statues erected to saints who were supposed to cure all evils. For instance, St. Mamert, who is represented as holding his entrails in his hands, relieved les maux de ventre (colic). St. Llorent, holding his head, charms away mal de tete. Young married women give their bridal wreaths and veils to St. Margaret and pray to her for a safe delivery. St. Anne is the guardian of the mariners as well as the favorite saint for all vows. In fact, there seems to be a saint for every ailment and every wish, and whether the result is what is prayed for or not, continual pilgrimages are taken by thousands of penitents and persistent believers.

PHEASANT FARM RAISES 5,000

Hatched by Hens, They Will Be Put in the Game Preserves of Oregon.

Philomath, Ore.—Five thousand pheasants have been raised this season on the Oregon pheasant farm of Benton county. Manager Gene Simpson of the farm states that a great number of these will soon be distributed over the state.

Large numbers were ready for sending out some time ago, but have been awaiting orders from the state game warden. The birds will go to all sections of the state, but the greater number to those parts where the pheasant is little known. None will be given its liberty except on designated preserves, so their protection will be guaranteed.

In addition to the Chinese pheasants, a number of rarer birds, such as the silver and Reeves pheasants and the bob-white quail, have been raised this year on the farm.

About 800 pheasant hens have been laying on the farm all the spring and summer. One hen lays from sixty to eighty eggs in a single season when confined in a pen. But in captivity the hens will not nest, and they will not hatch, so the eggs are gathered and hatched under common hens.

ABSENT SON RETURNS HOME

Parents Welcome Prodigal, Who Had Grown Prosperous in Far-Off Alaska.

Glasgow, Ky.—He had been away for twenty years, seeking his fortune in Alaska, and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Huffman, were sitting in a room of their home near here discussing him, and wondering if he would ever come back. There was a knock at the door and Mr. Huffman opened it to see a dusty traveler, who said he was tired and was seeking lodging for the night. Mr. Huffman thought he could do nothing for him, as there were visitors in the home, and the traveler turned to go.

But Mrs. Huffman could not see the man turned out into the night, so called him and "reckoned" they could manage somehow.

Then they led him into the hall, under the swinging lamp, and as the light fell on his face the aged couple recognized him, and there was a glad reunion.

Virgil Huffman had been prospecting in Alaska for a score of years, and he had prospered. Now he will make his home with his parents, who "reckon" they can manage somehow to make room for him.

GIRL WEEPS SELF TO DEATH

Dies in Hospital When Family Refuses to Take Her When They Went on a Visit.

Kansas City.—Grieved because her mother and uncle had gone to Leavenworth to visit a friend without her, while she was making a call in this city, Miss Mary Harrison, twenty-three years old, of Sedalia, Mo., died at a hotel here. Deputy Coroner J. E. Spangler, who examined the body, said the girl had wept herself to death. She died half an hour before Mrs. Louise Harrison, her mother, and T. W. Robbins, the uncle, returned from their trip of a few hours.

SHARKS BLOW-SHIP WHISTLE

Then Sailors Know the Much Hated Fish Has Been Caught on Their Hooks.

Sharks are numerous in Magdalena bay, on the west coast of the Peninsula of Lower California, says the Wide World. The monsters at this point seem to take almost any kind of bait, and it is rarely that a warship is seen at anchor without from one to a half dozen lines dangling from its stern. Watching a shark line is a tedious business, but it is strictly necessary in order that the fisherman may know when the monster is hooked, as its frantic rushes, if allowed to go unchecked, are pretty sure to cause some part of the line, leader, or even a part of its own anatomy to give way, and result in its escape.

The old scheme of tying the line around one's big toes and going to sleep would probably work all right so far as rousing the fisherman was concerned, but the sequel might not leave him in a condition to give undivided attention to landing the prize. To this end the officers and sailors have hit on an ingenious plan. Instead of taking in their lines when the dinner gong sounds or when for any reason they are on duty elsewhere, they run a stout piece of marlin twine from the sharkline up to the steam whistle, leaving it for the man eater himself to announce the event of his being hooked by sounding a toot.

NOT BAD FOR AN AMATEUR

Youth's Idea of Paying a Complaint Should Have Given Pleasure to Favored One.

He was a very literary young man and never paid much attention to the fair sex. But one evening, however, he was calling on a young woman who had succeeded in attracting him as he had never been before. He was extremely anxious to "make good" and his precious inexperience in the line of love making he felt keenly at this particular time.

Try as he would, he seemed unable to pay her any direct compliment until he turned the conversation thus: "I am rather more in favor of the English than the American mode of spelling."

"Yes," she returned, rather uninterestedly.

"Yes, indeed; take 'parlour,' for instance; having 'r' in it makes all the difference in the world."

THE BEST TREATMENT FOR ITCHING SCALPS, DANDRUFF AND FALLING HAIR

To allay itching and irritation of the scalp, prevent dry, thin and falling hair, remove crusts, scales and dandruff, and promote the growth and beauty of the hair, the following special treatment is most effective, agreeable and economical. On retiring, comb the hair out straight all around, then begin at the side and make a parting, gently rubbing Cuticura Ointment into the parting with a bit of soft flannel held over the end of the finger. Anoint additional partings about half an inch apart until the whole scalp has been treated, the purpose being to get the Cuticura Ointment on the scalp skin rather than on the hair. It is well to place a light covering over the hair to protect the pillow from possible stain. The next morning, shampoo with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Shampoos alone may be used as often as agreeable, but once or twice a month is generally sufficient for this special treatment for women's hair.

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Luxury for Ostriches.

Dealing with the anti-plumage campaign in England, the Cape Times in a leading article remarks that: "Were it not for the commercial value of its feathers, the ostrich would today be as rare in civilized South Africa as the hippopotamus. The ostrich is really a much pampered bird, living a life of pure luxury. He is bred and kept in condition merely for the sake of his feathers, and generally he lives to a ripe old age. The feathers are not pulled out from the sockets by the roots, but are cut with as little pain to the bird as is caused to a sheep by the shearer."

Career One of Romance.

Father Ohrwald, who for eight years was a prisoner among the African dervishes and escaped, has died at Omdurman. His career is one of the romances of the Sudan. Born at Lams, near Meran, in the Tyrol, in 1856, he went Cairo in 1870, after being trained as a missionary. In the following year he went up to Khartoum, and in 1882 he was captured by the Mahdists in the Dar Nuba. He made many vain attempts before he escaped.

Preliminary Work.

Ted—You don't seem to be as friendly with him as you used to be.

Ned—No; I'm rather suspicious of him. He borrowed some money from me the other day and paid it back—Judge.

Their Idea.

"What do you think of the two governors who went out and worked on the state highways themselves?"

"They evidently, in their official life, wanted a smooth road to travel."

An Exception.

"Does like always produce like?"

"Of course."

"Then why is poor health produced by rich food?"

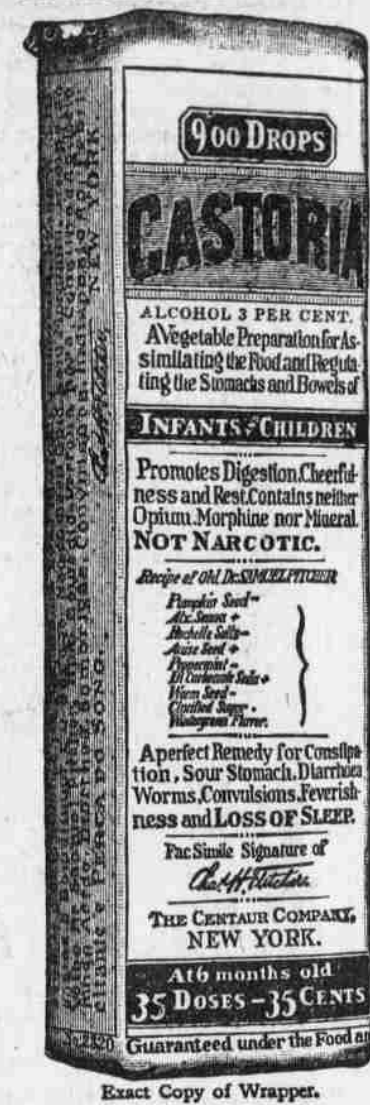
His Only Opportunity.

"Does your wife talk in her sleep, major?"

"No; I talk in her sleep. It's the only chance I get."—London Life.

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SHOULD HAVE ROUSED HIM

Mrs. Brown's Method of Removing Gloom May Not Be Generally Recommended.

Gloom prevailed in the domestic circle a gloom horrible and depressing. Mr. Brown, in fact, was in a bad temper. And, as Mrs. Brown knew, there was only one way of curing it—to rouse him thoroughly; for, when miserable himself, he always accused other people of being miserable. He did on this occasion.

"Jane," he grumbled at last, "you're as dull as an old owl! Sucking, I suppose, because I refused to buy you that new hat!"

"No," sighed his wife. "I wasn't thinking about it. As a matter of fact, I've been turning out some old letters, and—oh! it's nothing of importance. Only a fit of the blues."

"What letters?"

"Love letters."

"Some I wrote to you, I suppose."

"No," said his wife calmly. "Some I received before I met you. It's of no consequence. None at all. How is your cold?"

Easily Explained.

McCarthy got into an argument with Casey about the efficacy of prayer.

"Oh! can't see that there's anything in it," asserted Casey. "Oh! never got anything out of it."

"Well," said McCarthy, "don't you know when there's a war it's always the people that pray that win the fights?"

"How about the Chinese?" asked Casey. "They're great people to pray, and yet they get licked, and licked bad."

"Oh, well," explained McCarthy, "no wonder could understand them when they prayed."

Grateful Suburbanites.

Towne—Do you make your cook pay for what she breaks?

Suburbs (in amazement)—Make her pay! I should say not! Why, every month, besides paying her salary, we reward her liberally for what she didn't break!—Puck.

Sympathetic Affliction.

"That impetuous nobleman's wife and his creditors are now sympathizing with each other."

"On what grounds?"

"He beat both of them."

But a Fiction.

"That Styx ferry business was fine," said one manager.

"How so?" asked another.

"Its ferryman had a way of making all the deadheads pay their way."

Poor Kind of Sport.

"Rogers is a bit of a sportsman, isn't he?"

"If going off on wild geese chases makes a fellow one, he is."—Boston Transcript.

Rice forms the principal article of food of about one-third of the human race.

Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. B. Halstead Scott, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria often for infants during my practice, and find it very satisfactory."

Dr. William Belmont, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "Your Castoria stands first in its class. In my thirty years of practice I can say I never have found anything that so filled the place."

Dr. J. H. Taft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria and found it an excellent remedy in my household and private practice for many years. The formula is excellent."

Dr. R. J. Hamlen, of Detroit, Mich., says: "I prescribe your Castoria extensively, as I have never found anything to equal it for children's troubles. I am aware that there are imitations in the field, but I always see that my patients get Fletcher's."

Dr. Wm. J. McCrann, of Omaha, Neb., says: "As the father of thirteen children I certainly know something about your great medicine, and aside from my own family experience I have in my years of practice found Castoria a popular and efficient remedy in almost every home."

Dr. J. R. Clausen, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "The name that your Castoria has made for itself in the tens of thousands of homes blessed by the presence of children, scarcely needs to be supplemented by the endorsement of the medical profession, but I, for one, most heartily endorse it and believe it an excellent remedy."

Dr. R. M. Ward, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Physicians generally do not prescribe proprietary preparations, but in the case of Castoria my experience, like that of many other physicians, has taught me to make an exception. I prescribe your Castoria in my practice because I have found it to be a thoroughly reliable remedy for children's complaints. Any physician who has raised a family, as I have, will join me in heartiest recommendation of Castoria."

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